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## BEN'S BIG SCOOP.

He Extends the Operations of the Civil Service Law.

## TO SAVE MANY REPUBLICAN HEADS

How the Holy Law Has Been Made to Aid the Republicans.

## HOW THE SILVER FIGHT IS WAGING

Trouble Ahead in the Senate—The Immigration Question—Charles Moses and His Whiskers.

Washington, January 6.—(Special.)—The threatened extension of the civil service has come. By an executive order issued by the president today the employees in all free delivery postoffices in the United States are brought within the classified service. The order also brings into the classified service the employees of the weather bureau under the agricultural department. Heretofore the classified service has only extended to free delivery postoffices having fifty or more employees. The present order is sweeping, and extends to all the free delivery offices, whether they have forty-nine employees or four, which is the lowest number in the free delivery offices. It will bring in out of the few, from 8,000 to 10,000 republican minor officials and clerks at free delivery offices. The order, as it applies to the weather bureau, will probably protect from 400 to 500 republican officials.

By the terms of the order, however, these officials must first pass a civil service examination, which is provided for before obtaining the immunity from dismissal for participation in the immunization.

After this order goes into effect there will be about 50,000 employees under the protection of the civil service law, including those in the customs service. By a peculiar train of circumstances the republicans have reaped all the advantage of the extension of the civil service law. When the law of which the late senator Pendleton, of Ohio, a democrat, was the author, went into effect in 1883, it drew into the classified service all the clerks in the executive department of the government here. This was under Arthur's administration, and the employees were almost wholly republicans, about 10,000 in number. Under the order of President Cleveland, before retiring from office in 1889, was to extend the classified service to railway mail clerks, and the first order of President Harrison was to suspend, and hold the operation of Mr. Cleveland's order in abeyance for sixty days. He did not desire to revoke the order, so he suspended it until a republican could supersede a democrat in the railway mail service. The present order of President Harrison will go into effect before Mr. Cleveland is inaugurated and thus prevent the possible repetition of the trick which the latter played on his predecessor, when he went out of office before the free delivery offices in Georgia are, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Brunswick, Columbus, Macon, Rome and Savannah.

The civil service commission will proceed at once with the organization of boards of examiners at these offices, holding examinations for establishing eligible registers. As soon as eligible registers have been established at any office the rules will go into effect at that office. Some considerable time will necessarily elapse before the rules will be in actual operation in all of these offices.

A definite statement cannot be made from date in possession of the commission as to the number of persons who will be brought within the classified service by this extension. But it is presumed to be many.

The president has also approved an amendment to the classification of the agricultural department, bringing within the classification of that department employees who were then but not employed elsewhere than in Washington. The number of persons affected by this change of classification is between one and two hundred. It brings in all weather observers at the various signal stations throughout the country.

## The Silver Fight.

Both houses of congress are again becoming very much agitated upon the silver question.

The Sherman law is acknowledged by its author to be a very bad law and everybody is crying for a change. All classes of citizens are demanding of congress to do something, but just what is to be done seems very difficult to agree upon.

Mr. Cleveland is, perhaps, more anxious than any other man in the country to have something done at once. He knows what a difficult question it is to handle and he wants to get it out of the way before his term of office commences. Personally, Mr. Cleveland would be glad to see the Sherman law repealed without substitute legislation. He is a believer in a single gold standard, but he would be content with a compromise measure on the order of the old Bland law.

All the Wall street's interest and gold buggers are advancing Senator McPherson's plan of joint congressional resolution instructing the secretary of the treasury to stop the purchase of silver in other words, a repeal of the Sherman law until congress sees fit to renew its operations. Under this plan there would be no more purchases nor coining of silver.

The free coinage men would never agree to any such plan. They prefer the Sherman bill to that. They are, however, anxious to have legislation, and the bill of Mr. Culberson of Texas, which appeared in these dispatches yesterday, will probably be agreed upon by them and pushed.

That provided for the repeal of the Sherman law and a substitution in its place of the port of the Bland act providing for the purchase and coining of not less than two million dollars than four million dollars of silver monthly.

It also provides for the coining of the bullion now in the treasury vaults, purchased under the Sherman act, to be placed among the assets of the government. The notes issued for the purchase of this bullion are to be cancelled as returned to the treasury department.

The anti-free coinage men would be willing to agree to all the features of this plan but that of coining the bullion now in the treasury. That, however, is urged, for many reasons, by the silver men. In the first place they deem it best to have the silver in the rather safe bullion. There is now enough coin above 125,000,000 silver dollars which cost the government but little over ninety million dollars. Thus the government would make about \$30,000,000 by the transaction.

Judge Culberson thinks that would be sufficient to tide over the financial embarrassment of the government until new legislation for raising revenue is enacted by the next congress.

Judge Culberson says this measure will be pushed when the silver question comes up in the house and he believes would be accepted by the house.

## Colonel Moses' Whiskers.

Congressman Charles Moses returned yesterday morning accompanied by a set of Christmas whiskers grown about in spots like a muscadine vine running over an old stone wall. But the young statesman told his doctor that he suffered with throat trouble and the physician prescribed the whiskers. The other members from Georgia who have a pride in the personal appearance of the delegation which had heretofore been constituted the most elegant in congress, have offered to purchase the young colonel a neat ready made beard of any that he desires. They raised \$20 for the purpose but the member from Coweta spurned it and now Colonel Livingston thought it appropriate for the purchase of a peruke to cover the increasing boldness of his brow.

## Mills to Have a Walkover.

There have been several stories sent out recently to newspapers to the effect that there was a well organized plan in Texas to defeat Mr. Mills's re-election to the senate. Texas congressmen take no stock in it. Though Governor Hogg, it is understood, may be a candidate, the Texas men here say it matters not who runs, Mr. Mills will take up a position hostile to Tammany hall.

Mr. Croker hesitated for a moment and then said that he did not think Cleveland would do so. He spoke slowly.

"No," he said, "our friend for Mr. Murphy will not make Mr. Cleveland hostile to the regular democracy of the state. Mr. Cleveland is, I think, a man of too broad views; a man of too high ideas of political justice, to allow himself to take such a step. That is my first reason for thinking so. My second reason is as cogent. Tammany hall went to Chicago opposed to Cleveland. We fought every inch of ground until he was nominated. Then we came out in his support and stood by him to a man until he was elected. Now Cleveland is opposed to us in the person of our candidate for senator, Murphy. That is the reason why he will not be resisted by the assembly and Murphy will be elected. Mr. Cleveland is not the sort of a man to turn on us because our candidate is elected. Common gratitude would be enough, for we did not turn on him when he was victorious. There is much," continued Mr. Croker in answer to the question, "that is misunderstood about the contest for senator. We are not opposed to Cleveland just because Murphy, our candidate, is not Cleveland's choice. Nor will Murphy oppose Cleveland, but, we are, which, of course, goes without saying. Cleveland does not favor Murphy's strong point. If he knew him as well as I do, in justice to Mr. Cleveland, I may say I think he would consider Mr. Murphy an able man and one fit to represent the great state of New York in Washington. Murphy is not an orator, but he has wonderful executive ability. This, together with his other admirable qualities, will make him a senator to be proud of. Mr. Cleveland will never have cause to regret the fact that the organized democracy of New York put up Murphy. His election is certain. I think he will get every democratic vote in the assembly."

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## A PATHETIC STORY. PUT THE LADY OUT.

The End of a Woman's Life Full of Sorrow.

## THE MURDER OF WILLIAM GALLOWAY

And Those Suspected of It—Other News of the Classic City—Local and Personal.

Athens, Ga., January 6.—(Special)—The three negroes held for the murder of Mr. William Galloway had their preliminary trial and it resulted just as The Constitution said some days ago that it would.

Walter Gholston, who confessed to having committed the crime, and implicated Ase Hunt and John Smith, was committed to jail, charged with the murder and Hunt and Smith were released, as there was no evidence against them.

There is strong evidence against Gholston and whether he is really responsible for the fiendish deed or not there is little doubt that he had something to do with it. The general opinion is that Gholston killed Mr. Galloway by himself. Evidence was produced to show that Gholston told a negro just outside of town about an hour after the murder that a man had been killed in Athens. The negro denied it and said he would not break the news to the crime, and that Volkswagen Folk Davis will get the \$500 reward for the capture of the Galloway murderer.

The body of S. L. McBride, of Atlanta, was interred in Oconee cemetery yesterday. The body was met at the Georgia, North Carolina and Northern depots by a large number of friends and relatives. The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. L. R. Gwinnett. The funeral sermon was a beautiful, eloquent and able one. Mr. McBride had many friends in this city and vicinity.

## A Pathetic Story.

Perhaps, from many standpoints, a sadder death never occurred in Athens than that took place in a little cottage down near the Clarke county courthouse just as the bright rays of the warm morning sun shined on the frozen earth this morning.

It was not the death of a philanthropist noted and loved for his sympathy for the world's weakness and frail humanity, nor a scientist, scholar or distinguished citizen, who died yesterday, but simply a weak, care-worn woman, whose beauty had been her curse, and who had exhausted her ill-spent life in fleeing from her girlhood's shame, whose sad, unfortunate life appeals to the world's tenderness.

It was the same old story.

That age's hands have sung: "Twas a woman weak and wanton, And a villain's tempting tongue.

Lamie Howard, perhaps the most notorious demagogue in the South, died in New York a few years ago, as Miss Jessie Gust, was known as the most beautiful and dashing belle of an old Virginia County, died here at sunrise this morning. Belonging to a good family and having enjoyed splendid advantages, her beauty and remarkable beauty made her the toast of several seasons. Finally, according to her own story, she was betrayed by a gallant, but unprincipled lover, and to hide her sin and shame was pursued to the ends of the earth.

Here, in one of the fashionable dens of sin, she again reigned as a belle, but in a very different society that in which she had been reared.

She had, but to escape the degrading road to infamy, and with a desperation of born of regret, loneliness and remorse, she lived a life of recklessness depravity till the fire of dissipation consumed with fierce eagerness the last spark of her one strong constitution and body. She gave up the presence of a little seven-year-old negro girl, a faithful and devoted servant, she surrendered the struggle in her sad sanctum of sin.

She had nothing of her own on her deathbed, and requested that they be not bothered with the news of her death. Just before the breath left her she dictated a telegram to her betrayer, who is now a prominent citizen of Philadelphia, and with her feeble hands which had been many times maimed with the soot of sin, wrote the following note, which was found on her bed.

## A Dying Prayer.

My God, I am dying, and death brings me a sweet rest which I have often sought and desired. I live for you, my God, and this world would not have me face my God with this kind of sin.

Why has God permitted me to be born dead in heart, feeling and soul, for many years—as long as He has? I have prayed for four days and nights, and have prayed for you, my God, to receive me into your kingdom, with all the fervor born of a soul's distress and brought the utmost strength of spirit to my heart to enable me to implore my God for mercy.

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## Augusta's Assistant Postmaster Ejects a Female Clerk.

## BY LIFTING HER FROM A CHAIR

Her Brother Demands an Apology—On Being Rejected, He Slaps Stallings in the Face—Friends Interfered.

Augusta, Ga., January 6.—(Special)—It grew out of a lady clerk in the postoffice being ejected by the assistant postmaster this morning. It started last evening by the assistant postmaster, Ed Stallings, discharging Miss Mary Freeman, delivery clerk. Postmaster Denning, who has been at home sick since last summer, and who is now at the point of death, night before last asked Miss Freeman to get the janitor of the postoffice to bring him the window shades and a photograph of President Harrison which were in his office and personally belonged to him. Yesterday morning Miss Freeman delivered the postmaster's message to Mr. Piper, the janitor, who obeyed the instructions. Miss Freeman says Mr. Stallings was under the impression that the property belonged to the government but she explained to him that the articles belonged to the postmaster. She says Mr. Stallings then considered that he should have been informed before the articles were removed.

## Miss Freeman Discharged.

Nothing further, however, was said about the matter yesterday, until last afternoon, when Mrs. Stallings called her to his desk and told her she had no further use for her services and that she was discharged and paid her off. Miss Freeman went immediately to Postmaster Denning's house, and he informed her that he should have been first informed before the articles were removed.

Mr. Denning, who is only responsible for the financial agent of the postoffice, and it resulted just as The Constitution said some days ago that it would.

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## An Apology Demanded.

About noon, while Mr. Freeman was gone to the bank and Mr. Stallings was going to the Dyer building, they met at the corner of Broad and Jackson streets. Mr. Freeman approached Mr. Stallings for an explanation of the affair. Mr. Stallings stated the case and Mr. Freeman demanded that an apology be made to his sister. Mr. Stallings refused to apologize. Mr. Freeman then came to Mr. Stallings and struck him in the face. Mr. Stallings staggered, and upon recovery rushed forward, a man with a pocket knife, and cut him across the nose, breaking the blade. A crowd then rushed in and separated the belligerents.

Mr. Stallings was unprepared today to make his statement of the trouble with Mr. Freeman, but he will be heard from later. Mr. Stallings says, that he was sick, unable to fight, and if attacked would cut him with the pocket knife in his hand.

This is not believed to be the end of the difficulty and further trouble is apprehended.

Mr. Stallings tonight denies having used any violence in putting Miss Freeman out of the postoffice, and further says he has written authority to discharge any clerk for the preservation of discipline, and he says he will cut off the heads of all employees who are discredited or derelict in duty.

**FIRED ON WHILE SLEEPING.**

## Mr. Mark Wilson's Remarkable Escape from Death.

Augusta, Ga., January 6.—(Special)—News was received in Augusta yesterday from Wagner, a village in Aiken county, across the river, of a bold attempt at murder. Mr. Mark Wilson, a young man in the employ of the Aiken & Lybrand and company, had a very bad night.

He was awoke one night last week. It was very cold, the ground being covered with snow. Mr. Wilson, who sleeps alone in a room on the ground floor in Mr. Lybrand's house, had got up, dressed, and was up before 4 a.m. During the same night some one had broken the door, and going within four or five feet of the bed, shot at his form as it lay slumbering in bed.

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There is No Alarm.

One of the metropolitan newspapers, without knowing exactly what they are, have been trying lately to get up small-sized panic over the exports of oil, but the time is not ripe for it. The business of the country is prosperous, and the people are unusually serene. There is not much excitement now over the financial situation as there was in 1885, when Mr. Cleveland, previous to his inauguration, wrote a letter criticizing the Bland-Allison law, and predicting that evils would result from its continued existence. At that time, the slightest word would have precipitated a panic, the confident manner in which ruin was predicted made people nervous. But the Bland-Allison act continued to operate during Mr. Cleveland's administration and during the first year and a half of Mr. Harrison's, and no harmful results followed. In 1889, the amount of paper and silver money on hand was \$800,000,000, while there was \$127,000 in gold in the treasury to support it.

But this visitation is to some extent a blessing in disguise. It kills the germs of disease, and will improve the general health of the city next summer. The average citizen with his ears nearly frozen may not be much interested in this way of putting it, but it may be that his discomfort yesterday insured him a clean bill of health for the remainder of the year.

We know that the poor suffered, but, while there was no organized effort at relief, past experience has taught us that our rich and well-to-do people are always active in helping their unfortunate neighbors when an exceptionally cold day comes along. We have a warm-hearted people, and, although they are not well organized in their charitable work, their eyes and ears are never heedless when actual suffering challenges their attention.

Somebody is afraid of the situation, and who pretend to be the very who would profit most by a flurry of predictions that gold will go to a premium need not create any alarm, and even itself would hurt nobody. The Bank of France puts a premium on gold twice a month to protect its reserves, and its financial system remains finest in the world. If gold were to a premium here it would no longer be exported, and the treasury could realize its supply of precious metal with safety.

The one thing that will prevent a premium on gold from hurting people, and that is our supply of legal tender silver. The banks will have to put it and the rest of the country will not. This fact should not be forgotten those who affect to believe that a premium on gold means a panic.

An Old Blue Law Revived.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has decided that the old blue law of 1794 still in force, and prohibits the publishing of Sunday newspapers.

In the case before the court, Editor H. C. Shewell, of The Pittsburgh Sunday News, was convicted of publishing his paper on Sunday. The court says that the owners of the old act did not foresee the growth of newspapers, or they would have exempted them. The law is amended, but the decision suggests that its strict enforcement may lead to repeal.

The governor of Pennsylvania should veto Mathews, and the act should be killed. It is absurd and amounts to a decision to revive a dead-letter blue at the present day, and especially under our civilization Sunday newspapers are regarded by millions of good as necessities, ranking with the trains, street cars and other conveniences.

An Editorial Vesuvius.

Editor Halstead, has more genuine than any citizen of the United States. There is no merry Christmas for him—no happy New Year—nothing of that. How can he enjoy himself when he is on his shoulders the dread responsibilities of our internal politics and foreign service?

He is no new thing with Editor Halstead. He seems born to trouble. For long and weary years the weight of the whole nation has pressed on his bosom, and it has been as much as he could do to keep things straight, the war, when he was a much more man than he is now, and when he was not discommoded by any too much, he was compelled, almost forced, to direct the movements of the union.

He was not the general in command at all. Any accidental favorite may be general in command, and there is accidental about Editor Halstead—phenomenal, if you please, but not natural. During the war he was all the errors of Lincoln and Grant, and Sherman, and he caused these people out in his home town, he wrote long letters to Halleck at Washington, showing the heel how the war ought to be on. Some of these letters were to the editor, and we have had the pleasure of reading extracts from them. That Editor Halstead was in trouble than the country, and that needed an opportunity to sweep the nation into a thinner and hotter sphere than this. He brooded over campaigns, and was of the opinion the general who had them in charge either drunk or crazy.

It might be supposed that after the war was over Editor Halstead would be invited to enjoy a brief period of peace.

It was not to be. After the war, the world loomed up, and, with a mind

he had had all he could do to the "democratic traitor" cowed.

Rudyard Kipling has a nice new American baby. Perhaps—but that is another story.

Governor McKinley will remain in Ohio two years. He is, as we are, tied up in the barn.

Mr. Gibbs, ex-governor of the Bank of England, says the bankers only handle the

He has been in a continuous struggle with circumstances. At times we have been afraid that he intended to seize "secessa" and sack it or that he proposed to confine the entire democratic party in a foul dungeon until the republicans could get their fill of office and distribute and divide the currency among themselves, and to suit themselves.

After the people had put the republican party beneath the nail of their wrath, we flattered ourselves that the editorial Vesuvius which Mr. Halstead carries in his many bosom would cease its eruptions and allow the sound political plains to cool off. But he reckons ill who supposed that the Halstead lava factory will suspend operations even for a brief period. Even now he is in a state of eruption. He has kindled into a roaring flame over the nullification of the constitution. He thinks he has discovered that the great charter of our liberties has been tampered with.

Editor Halstead's inflammation comes a little late. The constitution has been ripped up by the republican party until its framers wouldn't know it if they were to meet it in the road. It has been smashed, flattened out and frizzled, and now Editor Halstead says it has been nullified. "There never would have been, or could have been, a democratic president after the war," says Editor Halstead, "if it had not been for the nullification of the constitution." Then why did he permit the republicans to nullify it? He was hanging gloomily about the scene, wrapped in the flame and vapor of his own combustible utterances. Why did he not reach forth a fiery hand and put a stop to the republican nullification of the constitution? The republicans nullified the constitution and outraged the spirit of our institutions when they made ignorance eligible to citizenship. They are paying for it now, and they will pay more dearly for it hereafter. Hence the inflamed condition of Editor Halstead's mind.

A Blessing in Disguise.

The cold snap of yesterday caused many bitter complaints, and it was severely felt by many a poor family whose scanty clothing and lack of fuel made the blizzard a very unwelcome visitor.

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It is said that the leaders of the Methodist church have in contemplation the founding of a daily Christian Advocate, to be published in Chicago. It is to have strong editorials of advanced liberal religious thought, so the advanced laymen and public, secular as well as religious news, with all sensational and objectionable matter, carefully eliminated.

The followers of Methodism in the United States are estimated at 5,000,000; and the promoters of the scheme say that there would be no difficulty in starting the enterprise with 1,000,000 subscribers.

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Speaker Crisp doesn't talk enough to suit the newspaper reporters. The speaker knows when to talk.

Those who have been saying that the tariff is the most important issue, are now trying to give the Sherman law that distinction. They should join with us in bringing the tariff to the front once more.

The New York World has suddenly covered that Senator Hill is in favor of the free coinage of silver. The World has stumbled on a piece of history that was news a year ago.

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Editorial Comment.

Mrs. Jefferson, of Kinderhook, N. Y., who ran away from her new husband in Chicago last week, jumping from a hotel window in making her escape, has been interviewed here by a New York reporter. She makes the affair mysterious by saying that her husband is an honorable gentleman and she proposed to join him as soon as her health is restored.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who divides her time between dress reform and poetry, tells her friends of a recent experience she had with a prominent editor.

The editor had criticized somewhat severely a book of Mrs. Wilcox's poems. She could best be described as a lecturer looking young man, quiet in his manners and one who when he does talk does it with a smile.

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Editor Constitution—As a minister of the gospel I beg the privilege to endorse and to thank you for the very timely and forcible article in the Constitution of the 4th edition touching the case of Dr. Briggs.

No occurrence in years in religious circles is more calculated to do untold hurt to doubtless more people than the acquittal of Dr. Briggs.

"It is natural for a man to be a good man, but it is not natural for him to be a good minister," said the speaker.

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